



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed: March 6, 2001
For: A PROCESS FOR MAKING RARE EARTH DOPED OPTICAL FIBER
Examiner: M. Colaianni
Art Unit: 1731
Confirmation No.: 4665
Atty. Docket: 3030.005USU
Customer No: 27623

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified application according to the following:

A section entitled **Amendments to the Claims** is set forth at page 2.

A section entitled **Remarks** is set forth at page 9.



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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is a Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	46	Minus	49	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$86.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$290.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

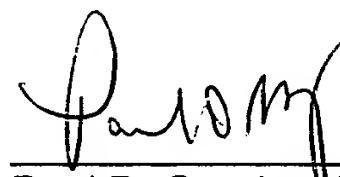
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

December 22, 2003

Date



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